
Cross Reference to Related Applications

A1 This application is a continuation of PCT application PCT/FR00/00728 filed on March 23, 2000, which claimed the priority of French application FR 99.04371 filed April 2, 1999.

In the Drawings

Please replace as-filed drawing sheet 1/1 with the attached drawing sheet 1/1.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) Control and safety device allowing the ejection of a strip of material from a machine for dispensing strips comprising a drum (4) and a safety shaft (9) which shuts off the lower opening (11) through which the strip of material passes as it leaves the housing and drum, said drum and said shaft being linked by means of transmission (10) comprising at least one belt, characterised in that said transmission means (10) is float mounted between drum (4) and shaft (9), the central part of the shaft that accommodates said belt and faces the groove on the drum being designed with a dolly axle (9a) configuration having a dimension that exceeds the width of the groove (4b) on drum (4) so as to allow sideways, slanting deflection of the belt over a limited amplitude (φ), thus tracking the direction in which the strip of paper is pulled longitudinally out of the dispensing machine by the user.